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Incorporating a Block and Tackle"

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Applicant submits the following in response to the final Office Action dated 25 November 2008. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this document.